

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

35 U.S.C. 112 Rejections

Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for omitting essential structural cooperative relationships of elements. Claim 19 has been amended to overcome this rejection.

35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 Rejections

Claims 1, 4, 15, 16, and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by USPN 3,619,072 (O'Hara). Claims 2, 7, 8, 12, 17, 18, 20, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over O'Hara.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3, 5, 6, and 9-14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to generally recite the allowable subject matter of claim 3. Likewise, claim 22 has also been amended to generally recite the allowable subject matter of claim 3. New claim 23 is provided and generally recites independent claim 1 and the allowable subject matter of claim 9. No total number of claims are being

presented than were previously paid for. Only three independent claims have been submitted, therefore applicant submits that no new fees will be due for this matter.

Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. Such action at an early date is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should the need arise.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or any underpayments which may be required for the above-referenced application to Deposit Account No. 01-0265.

Respectfully submitted,

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